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PLAYING BILL COLLECTOR.
HAVING ANNEXED PANAMA and made preliminary negotiations for a financial protectorate over San Domingo, the administration is in a fair way to have another international collection agency job on its hands in Venezuela. This time, the difficulty arises over court decisions affecting an American asphalt company and the claims of other American citizens. In the Venezuelan court, justice has been construed to meet President Castro's views, with the expected result, abrogation of the asphalt company's concession, the repudiation of any national obligation on its account and an unconcealed contempt for the American government.

If the United States alone were involved, it would be a comparatively simple matter to send some warships down the coast, take possession of Venezuelan ports and sit still until Castro came to his senses or went broke. Unfortunately, nearly all the continental governments have claims which they regard as equal in importance, if not paramount to any American grievance. Germany, for instance, has some established liens on Venezuela, and there is a hint that the South Americans have conspired with the Kaiser's government to confess judgment for all the surplus there is in sight at the customs ports, and let the other nations wait indefinitely. Such an arrangement would make it extremely awkward to enforce other collection claims because the Germans could show prior rights and are a little strenuous about enforcing their established rights.

Apparently, the American government has some idea that it can bring Castro to book, but it remains to be seen just how this can be done. If we are to take charge of the whole Venezuelan estate and guarantee the indebtedness of that country to other nations, there is no limit to the possible complications. As an international bankrupt, Castro's assets are purely nominal and his liabilities unlimited. That he needs a good dose of discipline, goes without saying. Whether there is any profit in giving him the medicine is another matter. To an on-looker, it would seem we have ample troubles of our own without undertaking the administration of a bankrupt estate, but so long as the Monroe doctrine under its new interpretation involves the policing of the entire western hemisphere there is little likelihood that Castro can be ignored or left to the tender mercies of a continental power looking for a foothold this side of the Atlantic.

CAMEL AND GNAT.

THE ACTION of the Colorado legislature in declaring that Senator Morgan of Boulder county, who charged that J. M. Herbert and Daniel M. Sullivan had attempted to bribe him to vote for Governor Adams in the late contest proceedings, is a self-confessed bribe-taker and "unworthy of belief," is positively ludicrous. It is entirely probable that Morgan's morals are not such as we like our public men to possess. He may be, as his fellow legislators declare, a criminal and unworthy of belief.

But is not this a case of the pot criticizing the kettle because the kettle is not white? Isn't there something incongruous in the spectacle of the Colorado legislature of all the bodies in the world, indulging in a spasm of virtue? The public will not soon forget that a majority of that legislature participated in, fostered and planned the most outrageous political swindle that has ever been committed in the west. Yet the very men who voted for that steal have the effrontery to criticize Morgan.

Morgan is very small game for such heavy ammunition. His expulsion from the Colorado legislature or his retention there are matters of very little importance. His offense was, after all, a minor one, compared with the theft of the governorship. Few people ever seriously believed that Herbert and Sullivan attempted to bribe him. No great harm, therefore, was done by his story. The stealing of the governorship, however, was a crime that will forever remain a blot on the political history of Colorado.

Spasms of virtue of the sort manifested in the Morgan case will never set the Republicans in the Colorado legislature right before the public. The theft of the governorship will be remembered among the men who were responsible for it long after the action in the case of Morgan has been forgotten.

JULES VERNE DYING.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that Jules Verne, the celebrated French novelist, is dying at his home in Amiens at the age of 77 years, will cause regret among his hundreds of thousands of readers. Verne's novels have been translated into every modern language; they have been read by uncounted multitudes. And, fanciful though the works seemed at the time they made their appearance, we mean such works as "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" and "Around the World in Eighty Days"—they do not seem so absurd now.

In 1870, when "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" made its appearance it was proclaimed a splendid example of what a vivid imagination and a scholarly pen can produce. There were crude diving bells and diving suits in those days, but the submarine vessel as a practical craft had not been dreamed of. Today the submarine has almost ceased to be a novelty. It has not yet done all that Captain Nemo's wonderful vessel did, but the time may be near when it will.

"Around the World in Eighty Days" was also pronounced highly fanciful. It was published in 1873 and almost immediately reached wide popularity. All of us remember the struggles of Phileas Fogg made to win his wager and the success that finally crowned his laudable efforts. He won the race and the £20,000 sterling by completing the circle as the clock was striking the last hour of the eightieth day. Nowadays the man who occupies eighty days in going around the world is looked upon as a traveler. It has been done in very much less time. We have not the records at hand, but our recollection is that one traveler circled the globe in less than fifty days.

Verne's "Five Weeks in a Balloon," his "Journey to the Center of the Earth" and his "Voyage to the Moon" have not yet been accomplished in real life, but he told the stories so well that he convinced many of his readers that they might come true some day. And so they might come true. Who knows?

Society.

Mrs. Virginia Snow Stephens entertained a party of friends at "Christophers Jr." last evening, and two of the stalls were occupied by members of the fraternities of the U. of U. A number of box parties are arranged for this evening as well.

Mrs. J. C. Royle will leave tomorrow evening for a visit of a month or so with her sisters, Mrs. J. A. Thatcher and Mrs. J. M. Turner of Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer B. Jones will leave Sunday morning for a short business trip to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Miller are back from a visit of several weeks in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bamberger will leave shortly for a stay of a month at Ocean Park.

The Freshmen of the University of Utah have issued invitations for a dance to be given Friday evening, March 31. The chapters are governor and Mrs. J. C. Cutler, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Kingsbury, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Ebaugh and Professor George A. Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lynn and their daughters, Jennie and Winifred, are in Italy enjoying the spring season, but will leave shortly for Paris, and expect to be home some time late in May.

Captain and Mrs. H. R. Perry will entertain the Post Card club Friday evening.

J. H. Leyson arrived in the city from Boston Tuesday and left last evening for Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Windsor have returned from California and are again at home at the Fifth East hotel.

Mrs. A. Carter announces the engagement of her niece, Miss Lillian Featherstone, to E. W. Smith. The wedding will take place some time in the near future.

Mrs. Frank Roberts entertained the Sewing club at her home yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Pfouts will entertain at a small German this evening at their home.

James Pinkham of Wichita, Kan., arrived in the city yesterday on his way through to Seattle, and is spending a short time with his aunt, Mrs. Elmer B. Jones.

Lieutenant and Mrs. W. H. Point of Fort Douglas will shortly be at home in No. 3.

Mrs. Leader Mayer entertained informally at bridge yesterday afternoon.

Miss Minnie Kiesel of Ogden spent yesterday in the city on a shopping expedition.

Mrs. Easton, mother of Lieutenant A. T. Easton of Fort Douglas, left yesterday for her home in Pittsburg.

Miss Lolla Fowler entertained informally at a luncheon at her home on Sixth street Saturday.

Miss Mabel Clark is home from California and is with her mother and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cornforth.

SOME SCOTTISH JOKES.
(New York Tribune.)
"Well, John, how are you today?" asked a Scottish minister, on meeting one of his parishioners. "Gey, weel, sir, gey weel," replied the other, cautiously, "gin it weel." "Ah, John, be thankful for there is no mistake you are getting old, like the rest of us, and old age doesn't come alone." "Auld age, sir," returned John, "I wonder to hear ye say Auld age has naething tae dae wit. Hae's my ither leg just as auld, it's sound and soopie yet."

A boy was holding a candle for his master, a plumber, in a Scottish town, who was doing some repairs to a pipe inside a dwelling house. The boy carefully held the candle too near his master's head, and up went his hair in a blaze. The master turned round in a rage, and said: "You stupid idiot! Can you no' watch what ye're doing? The folk of the house 'I think ye've been singin' a shoop's head with the smell ye're settin' on.' Aweel," said the boy, "they'll no be far wrang."

A cheery little fellow was accustomed to hear a servant in the house always saying when he broke a dish that it was cracked before. As soon as a dish was broken the servant's excuse might have been heard all over the house. "It was cracked before." One day the little lad tumbled round in a race, and said: "You stupid idiot! Can you no' watch what ye're doing? The folk of the house 'I think ye've been singin' a shoop's head with the smell ye're settin' on.' Aweel," said the boy, "they'll no be far wrang."

A well known Scotch housekeeper, who was considered a reliable member of a congregation was frequently pressed by the minister to allow him to be nominated for the eldership. He always put the matter off with evasive answers, but at length the minister demanded the reason for his refusal. Thus driven into a corner the woman replied: "Ma, I wonder to hear ye say 'Auld age has naething tae dae wit.' Hae's my ither leg just as auld, it's sound and soopie yet."

A young Glasgow minister, who thought himself quite capable of making great improvements in performing his first inaugural ceremony, asked the bride: "Do you take this man in preference to every other man?" received the smart answer, "Deed, no, sir; I'd rather hae yerseel."

The teacher was trying her best to show her class of little boys that God has given us power to resist temptation if we determined to do so. "You should always turn a deaf ear to Satan," she said. "I can't," groaned a keen little fellow; "I haven't got one."

Wedding Superstitions.
(Pittsburg Dispatch.)
The bridegroom who carries a miniature horseshoe in his pocket will always be lucky.
The bride who dreams of fairies on the night before her wedding will be thrice blessed.
Never give a telegram to a bride or bridegroom on the way to the church. It is a sure omen of evil.
Marriages on board ship are considered unlucky. If you can't be married on dry land remain unwed.
The finding of a spider on the wedding gown by the bride is considered a sure token of happiness to come.
If during the marriage ceremony the wedding ring should fall down, the bride's fate will not be an enviable one.
If a bride should by chance see a coffin as she starts off on her wedding tour she should order the driver of the carriage to turn back and start over again.

Reflections of a Bachelor.
(New York Press.)
You call a man a good fellow when he is willing to be a fool for you.
The man who tries may fail, but the one who hasn't the boldness to try doesn't succeed.
A girl has a great deal of fun thinking what a lot of fun she will have when she is married and can do what she pleases.
A man's idea of domestic happiness is three good meals a day, and not being asked to argue with the cook as to whether she has put the butter on the wrong side of the bread.

When you see a girl looking as proud as if she had just had a proposal from a duke, it is a sign the season is over for wearing underclothes that keep one warm.

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Sale will be held at said property on Friday, March 24, 1905, at 12 o'clock noon; inventory can be inspected at the clerk's office of said court. For further information apply to

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